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**Sent:** 8/6/2020 4:15:43 PM  
**To:** McCracken, Betsy W. [mccracken.betsy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging Take 3

That must feel great...congratulations! And thanks for all your hard work! ☺

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**From:** McCracken, Betsy W. <mccracken.betsy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Barton, Justine <Barton.Justine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging Take 3

I am done, unless they come to me with questions or additional information needed.

Betsy

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Are you all done, or still working on it?

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Thanks, Justine! You are correct. I am trying to follow along with the Dredging Program, and Pebble! ☺

Thanks for commenting!!

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**Subject:** FW: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging Take 3

Hi Betsy – FYI, here are my comments for Amy, since I know you want to keep tabs on AK dredging. As I understand it she is assembling WOS comment for Molly. Hope your fish comments/work is going OK. JB ☺

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**From:** Barton, Justine  
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**To:** Jensen, Amy A. <[jensen.amy@epa.gov](mailto:jensen.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging Take 3

Hi Amy – Here are my comments on preferred Alternative 3 in the Comments/Recommendation format you requested. JB ☺

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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JB p.s. Please call my cell number **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** if necessary to discuss my comments. I know you're really slammed on this!

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Subject: RE: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging

Hi Amy and Molly -- I discovered and have now gone over Appendix N, the applicant's more detailed description of Alternative 3, the Diamond Point Port/Iliamna Bay preferred alternative. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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I've edited Molly's paragraph, maybe you could also edit, Amy: (See App N, Section 3.9 and Figure 1-5 for context -- it's short).

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Let me know what you think. JB

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**Subject:** RE: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging

Thanks for taking a stab at a NEPA letter recommendation on this point, Molly.

Justine gave me a call to talk through how much of a change this new project component really is. As a result, I have asked Justine to add a few more words to this paragraph about **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We will be doing a pre-briefing with Dan on Tuesday to inform him of our 404 concerns prior to Chris' briefing, so I suspect these topics will come up at that meeting.

-Amy



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**Subject:** RE: Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging

Hi Justine,  
Thanks again for your review! As we discussed, here's a draft comment summarizing the concern and recommendation for the ROD. Please edit as needed if I haven't gotten the terminology quite right, or if there are areas where you think additional supporting detail would be helpful.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,

Molly

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**Cc:** Jensen, Amy A. <[jensen.amy@epa.gov](mailto:jensen.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Pebble Mine Comments -- Ports/Dredging

Hi Molly –

I think I would have benefited from attending some of the team meetings/updates for this project, as I don't have a good feel for the context of our comments this round. I've looked over the EIS, in particular at the marine Port facilities and dredging aspects of the alternatives. My recollection is that earlier in the process, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I don't have more detailed comments on the Port facilities and associated dredging at this time. Our sediment team can provide comments on a detailed dredging, dewatering, and disposal plan should we get to that point in the permitting of this project. Please call me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell) to discuss any of the above comments. JB

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